THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendation made by the consultant is under consideration.

Drug Policy

3169. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 423 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry was associated with the finalisation of the drug policy relating to the criteria for identification of drugs under National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the measures which were announced by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals contain the decisions of Government on Drug Policy;

(c) whether it is a fact that measures provide that all the drugs required for National Health Programme would from Category-I;

(d) what are the reasons for his Ministry not to have followed the measures; and

(e) what are the full contents of the letter of 26th May, 1987 referred to by him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Ministry of Health was consulted at the time of preparation of the new drug policy by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals in their criteria for identification of drugs under National Health Programmes was set by the Department of Chemicals finally.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India provide that "Category I would consist of drugs required for the National Health Programmes". It does not specify that all "all" the drugs required for the National Health Programmes would form Category I.

(d) and (e) As advised by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, drugs used for the 11 identified National Health Programmes, were recommended for categorisation. The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals in their letter dated 26-5-87 had suggested that a list of drugs actually used at present in significant quantities under the National Health Programmes should be sent to them. Also as and when new drugs are introduced these can be added to Category I.

Drugs under National Health Programmes

3170. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 535 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised 14 National Health Programmes;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that his Ministry drew up the list of drugs for fourteen Health Programmes and sent to Ministry of Industry for inclusion under price control;

(c) on what basis the list of 11 programmes have been provided to expect committee;

(d) what are the names of programmes which have not been provided; and

(e) what is the budget allocated to each of these programmes during 1987-88 and 1988-89

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Although a list of drugs required for 14 Health Programmes was drawn and referred to the De-